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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (Previously presented) A method for reducing a number of non-inflammatory acne lesions comprising the step of topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne lesions, wherein said dermatological composition comprises an active agent, and the active agent consists essentially of Dapsone.
- 2-3. (Cancelled).
- 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises dissolved dapsone and microparticulate dapsone.
- 5-6. (Cancelled).
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.
- 10. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a suspension.
- 11. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is an ointment.

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- 12. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.
- 13. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.
- 14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a solution.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is an ointment.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.
- 20. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.
- 21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 3% dapsone.
- 22. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 5% dapsone.

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23-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously presented) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises an active agent and the active agent consists essentially of dapsone.

- 26. (Cancelled).
- 27. (New) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone, wherein said dapsone is applied no more than once a day.
- 28. (New) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone, wherein the non-inflammatory acne is reduced at least 45%.
- 29. (New) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone, wherein the efficacy for treating non-inflammatory acne is inverse to the efficacy for treating inflammatory acne.